

Governor Riley Orders Evacuation for Parts of Mobile and Baldwin Counties

CLANTON – Governor Bob Riley on Sunday ordered the evacuation of residents south of Interstate 10 in Mobile County and in low lying areas of Baldwin County due to the significant threat posed by Hurricane Katrina. The evacuation for areas in Baldwin County went into effect at 1:00 p.m. and the evacuation order for those south of I-10 in Mobile County went into effect at 1:30 p.m.

“I’ve discussed this with local officials and we’re in agreement that this evacuation is necessary to save lives,” said Governor Riley. “That’s our number one priority. The primary threat posed by Hurricane Katrina is going to be flooding from storm surge, so those being evacuated just need to make sure they reach higher ground. They won’t have to travel as far as they did during hurricanes Ivan or Dennis because that threat was primarily strong winds.”

In Baldwin County, the order calls for the evacuation of those on Plash Island, the Fort Morgan peninsula, and all areas south of Fort Morgan Road for Gulf Shores. The order also calls for the evacuation of those living in Perdido Key and south of Perdido Beach Boulevard. Those in all low lying and flood prone areas south of I-10 in Baldwin County and those living along the Mobile Bay Area and other water inlets also fall under the evacuation order.